MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Are the Government aware that because of the absence of these four judges the litigant public are put to considerable difficulties?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are 11 members on the Village Panchayat Court. In the absence of 4, even with 7, they could form a quorum, post cases and hear them.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Answer to part (*c*) says: "In making these appointments the Government have to carefully consider the suitability of available candidates and then make a selection. This must take some time." May I know from the member whether this difficulty could not have been avoided if the Government had taken care to consider the suitability of appointing candidates before the vacancy arises in courts?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. Such a thing could have been avoided but in this case the recommendation of the District Magistrate came a few days after Government had passed their orders.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the recommendation of the District Magistrate came only after Government called for it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The District Magistrate anticipated it, because it is seen from his letter that he has not quoted the Government letter number. So what I say is his report came only after Government passed their orders.

Decrees against the Government.

90. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): (1) Are the Government aware that unreasonable delay is caused in satisfying decrees in suits in which the Sirkar is a judgment debtor?

(2) Will they be pleased to call for a statement of decrees in the Quilon District Court in which the Sirkar is the judgment debtor and in respect of which the decree amounts have not been paid?

(3) Are they aware:

(*a*) that they are losers to a considerable extent owing to the neglect of officers concerned in not paying the amounts soon after decrees; and

(*b*) that even admittedly valid claims against the Sirkar are not settled out of court after the receipt of notice under Section 65 of the *Civil Procedure Code*?

(4) Will they be pleased to state whether they propose to take action against those officers owing to whose neglect the claims have not been so settled and the claimants are put to the necessity of resorting to a court of law?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) No.

(2) A statement * furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(3) (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(4) The question of taking such action will be considered when instances of neglect are brought to the notice of Government.

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Appendix

Vide **Answer to Question No. 90.**

Statement of decrees in the District Court of Quilon in which Sirkar is the judgment-debtor.

No.	Case No.	Case Year.	Date of Decree.	Decree amount.	Date of receipt of records back from the Head Office.	Date of report for satisfaction.	Remarks.
1	6	1099	9-1-1106	Rs. 8,000 and interest and costs	7-12-1106		
2	75	1094	20-5-1105 Appeal decree	To surrender the plaiut land and pay costs or pay value of the plaint land at Rs. 100 per cent and costs, (value of land Rs. 50,000 and odd, costs Rs. 2,338)	30-8-1105	On 17-11-1105 addressed the Revenue Department for information whether the Goverment elect to retain land and pay value or surrender the land.	The Government finally decided to surrender the land on 13th February 1931 (R. Dis. No. 240/31/ Rev.) Pending correspondence on the above matter, reported on 6-3-06 for payment of costs.
3	8	1104	24-1-1106 Appeal decree	Rs. 50 and interest and costs.	..	25-10-1106	High court decre alone received from the Head Office on 27-7-06, other records not yet received. Report for satisfaction was made on receipt of notice of execution.
4	101	1104	23-11-1105	Rs. 114 and interest and costs.	6-4-1106	23-6-1106	
5	167	1104	32-10-1105	Rs 47 Chs. 24 and interest and costs.	4-4-1106	23-6-1106	
6	111	1104	28-11-1105	Rs. 50 Chs. 1-0.	10-4-1106	..	In these cases the *nirak* rate of paddy was wrongly entered in the decree. Applications have been filed in court to correct these decrees. These Applications are pending disposal.
7	122	1104	30-11-1105	Rs. 16 Chs. 22-8	25-5-1106		
8	217	1104	31-12-1105	Rs. 27 Chs. 2-0 and costs and interest.	25-5-1106	..	